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\$30,000 Settlement Reached with Lighting Recycler for Hazardous Waste Violations

Berkeley -- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that it has reached a \$30,000 settlement with Mr. Fred Bryant for hazardous waste violations involving the handling of hazardous waste fluorescent light tubes at three locations in Northern California.

Mr. Bryant operated, or was affiliated with Lighting Recyclers, Inc., Evergreen Lighting Recyclers, Inc., and Pacific Recycling Services, Inc. Inspectors from DTSC's Statewide Compliance Division found that Bryant and the affiliated companies were improperly handling, storing and transporting used fluorescent lamps and used high intensity discharge (HID) lamps at facilities in Hayward, Oakland, and Rancho Cordova.

Under terms of the judgment signed by Alameda County Superior Court Judge James A. Richman on June 5, 2003, Mr. Bryant as an individual, must pay a civil penalty of \$30,000 and submit quarterly reports to DTSC related to any of his activities handling hazardous waste and hazardous waste lamps for the next four years.

"Through a joint effort between DTSC and the State Attorney General's Office, Mr. Bryant will himself pay the price for violating the State's hazardous waste laws," said DTSC Director Ed Lowry.

The settlement stems from the following violations noted by DTSC inspectors on various occasions from November 1998 through April 2000:

- Transporting hazardous waste without the proper DTSC transporter registration,
- Transporting hazardous waste without a manifest,
- Transporting hazardous waste without a proper identification number,
- Transporting hazardous waste to facilities that were not authorized lighting waste recycling facilities,
- Storage of hazardous waste without a DTSC permit,
- Failure to provide copies of hazardous waste manifests to DTSC, and
- Managing universal waste lamps without obtaining a federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification number.

Fluorescent lamps and HID lamps, such as mercury vapor, metal halide, and high-pressure sodium lamps, may be handled as "universal wastes" under regulations that went into effect in California in March 2000.

Under terms of the settlement, DTSC is not limited from taking appropriate enforcement actions against Mr. Bryant for any future hazardous waste violations.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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